



Call for Consultants Mid Term Evaluation

The Right Here Right Now Strategic Partnership is currently seeking a Consultant for their Mid-Term Evaluation

Deadline: 15 February 2018

Location: Flexible

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Timeline: February – July 2018 (including a planning workshop with country PMEL focal points and global validation meeting)

Expected days: 60 days

Expected travel: 2 international travels

Background

The Right Here Right Now (RHRN) program aims to improve the protection, respect and fulfilment of the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) of young people. The program is implemented in 10 low and middle income countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and in the Caribbean. The activities focus on: freedom from stigma, discrimination and violence; access to comprehensive youth-friendly services; access to comprehensive information; space for young people's voices.

The program is a strategic partnership between Rutgers, the Asian-pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW), CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality (CHOICE), Dance4life, HIVOS, International Planned Parenthood Federation African Region (IPPF AR), the Latin American and Caribbean Women's Health Network (LACWHN) and the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The program's implementation period is five years: from 2016 to 2020.

On behalf of the RHRN Partnership, Rutgers is seeking a consultant to conduct their mid-term review.

Objectives for the evaluation

Early 2018, the strategic partnership intends to implement a mid-term evaluation. The mid-term evaluation is intended to contribute to two objectives:

- Increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the RHRN program
- Contribute to the understanding of the added value of a focus on civil society strengthening for advocacy¹ to the Dialogue & Dissent long term impact: "inclusive sustainable development in LLMICS".

The evaluation is planned for the first half of 2018 to allow for the recommendations to influence the 2019 planning process and to allow the Partnership to contribute to the discussion on the future of the Dialogue & Dissent TOC, which is expected to take place in 2018.

Intended uses of the evaluation

- Inform strategic decisions on the direction of the Strategic Partnership in 2019-2020 and beyond;

¹ See revised "Results of Policy Framework Dialogue & Dissent"

- Inform program plans for 2019-2020 at national and international level;
- Inform ways of collaboration within the consortium and with the countries.

Core evaluation questions

The mid-term evaluation will aim to answer two core learning questions:

1. **To what extent is RHRN so far achieving its objectives as specified in its Theory of Change, looking at short term and intermediate outcomes?**
2. **To what extent does RHRN contribute to the Theory of Change of Dialogue & Dissent?**

The specific questions per core learning question are presented below:

1. ***To what extent is RHRN so far achieving its objectives as specified in its Theory of Change, looking at short term and intermediate outcomes?***
 - 1.1. What outcomes have been achieved so far at country, regional and international level (including intended and unintended outcomes)?
 - 1.2. To what extent do **country platforms' capacities and structures** contribute to achieving the outcomes as specified in their TOCs?
 - To what extent is the platform stronger/more capable to achieve its expected outcomes than its individual organisations? What (internal and external) factors contribute to or hamper this?
 - How does the platform structure – including Youth-Adult Partnerships - in different countries benefit/hamper successful joint contribution to the program's expected outcomes?
 - What are the costs and benefits of national grant management (its structure, its implementation, the division of roles and responsibilities, etc.) in terms of the program's effectiveness, its efficiency and its sustainability, both at the country-level and at the consortium level? To what extent would these be different under a different management system/structure?
 - How able are the platforms to adapt to changing contexts?
 - What lessons learnt on platform building/strengthening can be identified from RHRN's experience so far?
 - 1.3. To what extent are current **ways of working within the consortium** effective and efficient in (1) their enabling of the achievement of the outcomes as specified in the TOCs at country level; and (2) their enabling of the achievement of the outcomes as specified in the TOC at regional/international level?
 - How are country platforms perceiving the support and guidance by the consortium?
 - Are there any overlaps and gaps in the roles between consortium members, structures for collaboration and communication?
 - How could the consortium make better use of each member's specific strengths and position?
 - To what extent is the consortium successfully adapting its ways of working to the changing context?
 - How able is the consortium to adapt to changing contexts?
 - 1.4. Based on the changing context in the countries and globally and based on the answer on question 1.1-1.3, what can be said about the validity of the RHRN TOC?
 - 1.5. Based on the above, what recommendations can be made for the programme for 2019-2020 to increase its relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability?
2. ***To what extent does RHRN contribute to the Theory of Change of Dialogue & Dissent?***
 - 2.1. How can the outcomes as reported under question 1.1 be linked to the D&D TOC, specifically at the levels of:
 - Improved CSO capacity and legitimacy to lobby and advocate;
 - Civil society engagement;
 - The extent to which governments and societal groups start listening to CSOs.
 - 2.2. What does RHRN's experience say about the validity of a focus on capacity strengthening and lobby and advocacy in times of increasing opposition?

Methodology

This section describes the basic approach in terms of the methodology. The consultants are expected to develop the detailed methodology for the evaluation and share this methodology for approval with the RHRN contact person.

	Question 1 To what extent is RHRN so far achieving its objectives as specified in its Theory of Change, looking at short term and intermediate outcomes?	Question 2 To what extent does RHRN contribute to the Theory of Change of Dialogue & Dissent?
Secondary data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017 annual reports from country platforms and International Advocacy Working Group (deadline: 20 February) • Programme document • Governance document 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017 annual reports from country platforms and International Advocacy Working Group (deadline: 20 February)
Primary data collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary data collection by the consultant(s). Online surveys and (skype) interviews and/or focus group discussions with all countries and consortium members – with an expectation to collect the views/feedback of a minimum of 2 representatives per country platform and a minimum of 1 representative per consortium member in an interview. • Primary data by the country platforms on selected priority questions. The consultant(s) is/are expected to facilitate a global workshop for country PMEL focal points to (further) develop and operationalize priority research question at the national level (March) and to monitor/support the MTE process at the national level. Country platforms will collect and share data with the consultant(s). • Advocacy Capacity Assessments (ADCA; adapted) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use data collected for question 1.
Analysis and validation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis by consultant(s) • Validations per country by national platforms - final feedback provided to consultant(s) • 1 global validation & discussion on use of MTE findings (June) facilitated by consultant(s) 	

Notes on the methodology:

- It is expected that the consultant's efforts will concentrate on core question 1, with less time spent on core question 2.
- In terms of looking at RHRN's realization of outcomes, the MTE is not expected to prove to what extent RHRN activities can be said to have caused a certain change. Rather it will explain how RHRN can credibly be assumed to have contributed to a change.

Outputs

- One planning workshop facilitated with national PMEL focal points held in the Netherlands.
- One detailed methodology presented in a conception report.
- Monitoring country implementation MTE including facilitation of workshop for country PME focal points.
- One draft report, according to the following requirements: including a summary, detailed description of the methodology used, presentation of the findings, conclusions and recommendations to the different users.

- Data sets (completed online surveys, interview and focus group discussion notes, analyzed national MTE reports on selected key questions, completed ADCAs).
- One validation workshop facilitated at the international level held in Latin America – Caribbean.
- One final report, according to the requirements above and including the results from the analysis and validation workshops.

Profile and qualification requirements

Interested candidates are invited to submit alone or in a small team. The consultant (team) must meet the following criteria and qualifications:

- Proven experience in advocacy evaluation;
- Proven experience in evaluating partnerships and consortium governance;
- Preferably experience in Outcome Harvesting;
- Works from a Human Rights Based approach;
- Has a progressive stance on sexual and reproductive health and rights, specifically young people's sexual rights and diversity;
- Is youth-friendly and has non-discriminatory attitudes towards working with young people;
- Strong writing skills with ability to present in a style that is accessible to readers;
- Proficiency in English and Spanish, preferably also in French.

How to apply

Applicants should submit a technical and financial process based on Terms of Reference and resume to: i.vreeke@rutgers.nl and r.koenders@rutgers.nl with "MTE CONSULTANCY" as the subject title.

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Please note only shortlisted candidates will be contacted – Thank you for your interest.